

# Ripley County

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County  
Composite  
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,295	1,180	40.6%	38.3%	↑	19.2%	110
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	1,040	830	31.1%	25.7%	↑	18.6%	107
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	89	93	9.8%	10.5%	↓	8.2%	107
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	121	69	36.4	22.0	↑	7.2	115
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	16	20	4.8	6.4	↓	9.2	85
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	25	18	57.2	46.4	↑	23.3	108
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	24	43	7.4	13.5	↓	4.2	107
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	131	143	82.4%	91.7%	↑	91.5%	91
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,e</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	71	68	39.7%	48.6%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	81	112	50.3%	62.6%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	89	42	44.7%	24.1%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	57	51	39.3%	42.5%		66.2%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2011 and 2015.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on 5-year time spans, 2007-2011 and 2012-2016.

<sup>d</sup> If no number is listed, the count is suppressed by DHSS for confidentiality purposes.

<sup>e</sup> Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Comparisons between 2012 and 2016 data should be treated with caution due to differences in testing standards; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2012	14,030
	2016	13,817
Child population under 18	2012	3,252
	2016	3,189
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	23.2%
	2016	23.1%
Child population under 6	2012	1,065
	2016	1,110
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.6%
	2016	8.0%
Minority child population under 18	2012	193
	2016	184
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	5.9%
	2016	5.8%
Minority child population under 6	2012	61
	2016	82
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	5.7%
	2016	7.4%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	37.8%
	2012-2016	27.8%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	62.0%
	2012-2016	72.1%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	39.6%
	2012-2016	36.3%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	40.6%
	2012-2016	37.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	26.1%
	2012-2016	16.7%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	65.5%
	2012-2016	54.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	68.1%
	2016	57.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$31,826
	2012-2016	\$37,298
Adult unemployment	2012	8.1%
	2016	7.0%
Child homelessness	2012	0.8%
	2016	0.6%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	98.1
	2017	57.1
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	95.0%
	2016	94.8%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	61.1
	2012-2016	48.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	9.6%
	2012-2016	7.0%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	44.2
	2016	44.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	1.9%
	2016	1.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	12.6
	2016	19.8
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	70.0%
	2012-2016	70.0%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	7.7
	2012-2016	4.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	24.0
	2012-2016	49.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	29.5
	2012-2016	44.3
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	32.5
	2012-2016	75.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2007-2011	100.0%
	2012-2016	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2006-2010	32.3
	2011-2015	56.8
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	153.5
	2011-2015	123.2
Uninsured children	2011	9.3%
	2015	7.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	93.7%
	2016	95.0%

<sup>a</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>b</sup> If no rate listed, rate is suppressed for confidentiality purposes.